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guidelines so that people know which part of...whether they're totally smoking or whether they have to have a smoking area. And, because of that, I don't see any reason to hang this bill up on this particular issue, since it's already...has to be done through the regulations of the department. The bill has plenty to hang itself up on without getting into this particular piece. definition So this...this amendment will Section 4, on page 2, which is the issue that Senator Senator Hudkins, and Senator Baker raised. All of those types of venues are under the current Clean Indoor Air Act. they have to have a smoke...nonsmoking area or whether it can be in smoking in their entirety is under the current Clean Indoor Air Act and through the regulations, and the department is clarifying those regulations which will be completed by the end So you can take this definition out and that of this year. should help at least clarify that issue. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You heard the opening on FA84. Open for discussion. There were several lights on. Senator Cunningham, did you wish to? Senator Cunningham, on the bill. Senator Thompson. And, Senator Smith, did you wish to address the amendment, Senator Smith? We're on the amendment. Did you wish to address the amendment or the bill?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. I would rise with hesitation in this amendment. I appreciate Senator Thompson's desire to clarify it, but I don't think that it solves my concerns of answering those questions because...I mean, if there's still a restaurant that will seek to look like a bar, it will consequently probably act like a bar and I think that that destroys the purpose behind the bill of trying to maintain a family type of atmosphere with clean air. And I really think that the net gain of the bill or with this bill would be so minuscule that it certainly would not be good public policy. For that reason, I will have to vote no on the bill...or on the amendment because I don't think that it will accomplish the objective. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. There are no further lights on. Want to address the...Senator Thompson, do